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Will Thrive Again

It is good news indeed that a New Brunswick shipbuilding firm, Bathurst Marine Limited, is to locate its facilities at Georgetown, and that work on the construction of a plant which will employ upwards of 200 people within a relatively short time, is already getting under way. The company will be building ships for the Atlantic shipping fleet, and also for Gulf Garden Foods Limited, the big new processing plant to be erected there next spring.

The Provincial Government is to be warmly commended on bringing these important industries to Georgetown. They will complement each other in their activities, and in both cases we note the full cooperation which the Town of Georgetown has given in providing suitable land areas.

The Government, for its part, is underwriting the initial costs and will begin a vocational training and apprenticeship program to assist Island people to become qualified workers in shipbuilding trades. This is an expenditure that can hardly fail to return substantial dividends.

In the old days, Georgetown's magnificent harbor saw the launching of many ships which sailed the seven seas, with Island captains and Island crews, and—in many cases—with Island farm and fishery products to European, West Indian and other ports. As the Royal-Sirnis Commission report of 1940 noted in this regard, the Maritimes, at the middle of the last century, were "one of the world's great commercial maritime powers, holding fourth place in registered tonnage of shipping." They had begun by building ships to carry their own produce, and this still provided the backbone of the business. We were an integral part of those activities, and nowhere was this more noticeable than in our Kings County capital.

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Quebec apart from the rest of the country. Where, he asked, was this "contracting out" theory going to do? "Are we to have ten laws on family allowances," he demanded, "or are we to have different tax laws in the different provinces of Canada?"

While Liberals and Conservatives applauded and Creditistes furiously protested, Mr. Balcer plunged ahead. "I am a deputy of Canada," he insisted. "I am not here to legislate only for affairs which interest my province. I am here to interest myself in the affairs of the entire country. Indeed, I know that the province of Quebec will be strong and prosperous in the degree that the whole of Canada will be strong and prosperous and vice versa."

Mr. Balcer appeared surprised at the applause given him and which was repeated when he rose with other Conservatives to vote against the Creditiste motion. The Commons and the country, suggests the Ottawa Journal, have cause for considerable satisfaction in this appraisal. It has shown that a man using plain words about national unity, which "every member should be duty-bound to promote in Canada," can reach the heart. If others would speak with him, in either French or English, less would be heard of the demagogues who stir regional pride and racial antagonisms.

Calendar Reform

Some time ago the United Nations passed by a majority vote a resolution favoring a new world calendar. This would retain the present 12 months of the Gregorian calendar, and would have the quarters and halves of the year of equal length. The first month of each quarter would have 31 days, the others 30. Each year would begin with a Sunday and end with a Saturday. The 365th day of the year would be an "in-between" day, not belonging to any year, month or week, placed between December 30 and January 1, and celebrated as a world holiday. Each Leap Year would have a second world holiday, similarly placed between June and July.

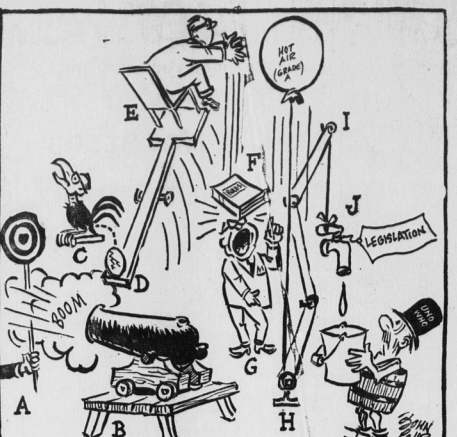
Other calendars have been proposed, but it is this one that seems to come nearest to resolving the inconsistencies of present reckonings with the least possible break with tradition. Somehow, however, the idea never really caught on. But now a decision of the Vatican Ecumenical Council, placing the Roman Catholic Church as being "not opposed" to a reformed calendar and a fixed Easter provided the other churches also agree and the seven day week is retained, has brought the subject to the forefront again.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Asked in the Commons the other day what the Real Couette group should be called in debate, Mr. Speaker replied that perhaps Mr. Couette should give the answer but that it had been agreed that the term would be Rallemies and Social Creditists in French and Social Credit Rally in English. Mr. Couette said nothing. Presumably he agreed with the Speaker's explanation.

The death of Lord Grey de Ruthyn in Britain graphically illustrates the decline of aristocracy in the old land. Leaving no heir, he closes the book on the story of a family which lived in a state of privilege for about nine centuries. Left only are the historical notes which picture the olden days of liveried servants, glittering halls, obsequiousness, expensive land, dignified castles, embossed coaches, and favors from reigning monarchs. The last of his line described himself as a poor old lord who could not afford train fare to London. He did not have enough money to attend the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953.



(A) THE GOVERNMENT BRINGS UP A PROPOSAL WHICH DRAWS A BLAST FROM (B) THE OPPOSITION BIG GUNS, WHICH WAKES UP THE CUCKOO (C) WHICH LAYS A NEW PARTY EGG (D) WHICH DISTURBS THE HOUSE SEATING ARRANGEMENTS (E) WHOM DROPS RULE BOOK (F) IN SURPRISE HITTING MEMBER (G) WHO STARTS SPEECH ON RIGHTS OF PARLIAMENT FILLING GAS BAG (H) WHICH RISES TURNING PULLEY (I) WHICH FINALLY, SOMETIMES, TURNS TAP (J)

OUR RUBE GOLDBERG PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Parliamentary Performance Getting Worse

Several readers have referred to the quite unprecedented criticism which is being directed at our Parliament, asking if it is justified, and seeking examples of the conduct which is being criticized.

During the past month, very nearly every newspaper in Canada has published editorials and news items which add to our common sense. Many of these columns have added this quota.

It is my opinion that we no longer have the most functioning parliament in the most unruly House of Commons. Criticism of our 26th Parliament is entirely justified. Worse, the performance of the House of Commons in the future will lead to the complete collapse of our democratic system.

This is because far too much time is wasted on partisan bickering, and far too little progress is being made with the urgent execution of the nation's business.

The reason for this is complex. One obvious explanation is that, since the 1957 election, we have had three parliaments in which the government was in a minority position, while in the fourth parliament the government saw its majority position threatened by the subject of the 1960 election.

Too Many Questions
One manifestation of this has been a gross proliferation of the daily questions asked away with questions which are "out of order" or "not in the spirit of the House."

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How Important?
At present, Speaker Macnaughton was saying these words: "There is no doubt about the importance of the subject of all honorable members."

Husbands and Housework
Culinary Herald
Husbands of the world unite. A Swiss physician, Dr. Hugo Keller, believes that men should do more housework.

Compulsive Eating Habits

By Dr. Theodore R. VanDellen
Treatment of obesity is not a very successful even though the remedy is known. Is it the fault of the physician or his patient?

The most difficult cases to treat are those with compulsive eating habits. They have many psychological traits that give them a persisting and increasing urge to eat. This neurotic tendency is established during childhood and adolescence. Many were mother's pet type of clinging, dependent individuals.

Compulsive eating, for them, is an escape mechanism. They are happy when eating and gorging and unhappy when dieting. Let well enough alone is good advice, provided they know why they behave as they do.

Compulsive eating habits play a role among the millions who have a \$10 to \$20 surplus. This surplus begins with joining a club, getting married, or during pregnancy — situations known to too many women who are the men and women who diet once or twice a year.

A Dog Is a Dog

Historian Arnold Toynbee
In The New York Times Magazine

Human beings have found excuses, in all kinds of differences between them for disliking and hating each other. They have quarrelled over their differences of politics and religious allegiance, over their differences in economic circumstances.

None of these differences do, in fact, excuse the crimes that have been committed on the part of them; but among all their excuses, the most effective stand out as being the most irrational.

Race conflict is irrational because it is irrelevant to the distinctively human in our human nature. The physical side of each of our human species stands out as being the most irrational.

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Dr. Keller considers housework to be good exercise — far more healthful and relaxing than golf, shuffleboard or croquet. But if the husband takes over the maintenance of the household, what will the wife be doing for her exercise?

NOTES BY THE WAY

People see both sides of a question. They see good and bad on the other side — Port Arthur News Chronicle.
Two fellows who stole \$400 worth of frozen food from a grocery store have been sentenced to three years in a Montreal — Toronto Telegram.

A cooler — Toronto doctor complains garage checks on their own cars than their own regular maintenance. The car may not be as healthy. — Ottawa Journal.

"You say you want to change the death certificate, doctor? He asked the nurse in the busy New York hospital. 'It's quite against the rules, 'you know.' 'I know,' the doctor said, 'but it's important. You see, I was in a hurry and didn't pay any attention to the space marked 'Cause of death.' and that's where I signed my name.' — Montreal Star.

"The Starved Orphan"

Toronto Daily Star

The restrictions on bread and four sales in Moscow are a measure of the catastrophic situation in the Soviet countryside. It is also the explanation of Russia's huge purchases of grain from the West.

So far, the elements have been blamed for the poor Soviet food situation. But the cold, long Spring, and the hot, dry Summer.

The explanation is good enough so far as it goes. But it is only part of the explanation. The true story is a long one.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
November 5, 1938

Ottawa, Nov. 3 — A mysterious disease which brought swift death to Eskimos of South Ruffin Island, particularly in the district around Cape Wintour on Hudson Strait, has been diagnosed by government physicians as Mumps.

Summerside is going to change the name of its town square from Dominion Square to Memorial Square, following resolution passed by the town council, on the 20th anniversary of the World War.

TEN YEARS AGO

November 8, 1953

Flying at tree-top level for more than 600 miles in rain and snow, a Royal Canadian Air Force crew, from Summerside in the district around Cape Wintour on Hudson Strait, has been diagnosed by government physicians as Mumps.

IMPRESSIVE BLADDER

K.C. writes: I have weak kidneys. My family doctor says this condition is due to nerves. Is this possible?

Yes, provided tests show the kidneys and bladder are normal. Nervousness results in a variety of ways, including the inability to visit the bathroom more than once or twice a day.

IT WILL RETURN

L.F. writes: I lack urinary control since a prostate operation two months ago. Will this control ever be regained?

Yes, this is a common but temporary aftermath of the operation.

CLIMATE NOT A FACTOR

W.H.O. writes: Is human gestation affected by a tropical country than in temperate climates?

REPLY
No. A range of 23 to 329 days is world-wide.

Today's Health Hat

It doesn't cost anything to relax.

CANADIANS SAFE

TORONTO (CP)—All Canadians known to be in South Viet Nam were reported safe Sunday night after the Friday revolution which overthrew the Ngo Dinh Diem regime. Gordon E. Cox, head of the Canadian peace commission in Saigon, said in a telephone conversation with The Daily Star that there are persons on his staff and 40 to 50 Canadian military advisers, are known to be safe.

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